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H. W. Metcalf
 Damascus
 Sept. 2, 1862.

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 Gen. John L. Hodsdon
 Adj^t General
 Augusta

Dear Sir

Having been
 unwell lately, I have
 not communicated with
 you for several days.

I have visited every
 town in Lincoln County
 except Monhegan Is.
 As this is a small place
 and learning that no
 soldiers were enlisted
 there previous to the last
 call for volunteers I
 deemed it unnecessary
 to visit the place.

I have found very
 few soldiers at home

on furlough or leave's
of absence most all
having discharged. I
regret that I have not
been more successful
in catching what few
deserters there were in
the County. Cyrus A. Jones
1st Me. Cavalry is still
at large in Bristol.
Hawes 16th Reg. at
large in Dresden. I
have spared no pains
to take these men but
yet without success.

I learned that Asa
Cushman Jr. 1st Cavalry
was taken in N. York and
returned to his Reg. He
was reported by me at
Dresden Aug 9th.

Geo W. Light of Volkers
15th Reg. and L. D. Light

4th Reg. of Maine's cotton
have both gone to Canada
so reported -

Walter Higgins
of New Castle 1st Carol
ny is on the Rolls a
deserter I think it a
mistake. I learn from
Ordeley Seagrant Ford
Co. K. 1st Cavalry that
Higgins was transferred
from his company to
another one - a mistake
of the Ordeley Seagrants
probably of Higgins Co.

I will resign my
commission, or retain
it keeping an account
of the time spent in
looking after returned
soldier deserters as
you may desire -
Respectfully Yrs. H. W. Metcalf